IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 526 OF 2007

Rajashri Dilip Thakur ..Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and others ...Respondents

Ms. H.K. Mandlik, instructed by Mr. R.K. Mendadkar, for the petitioner.
Mr. R.D. Rane, Government Pleader, for respondent Nos.1 to 3.
Mr. A.J. Bhor for respondent No.4.

CORAM: **H.L. GOKHALE, Ag. C.J.,** &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: **JANUARY 23, 2007**.

P.C.

Heard Mr. Mandlik in support of the petition. Mr. R.D. Rane, Government Pleader, appears for respondent Nos. 1 to 3. Mr. A.J. Bhor appears for respondent No.4.

2. The petitioner is a student who has been admitted to the first M.B.B.S. Course in the fourth respondent Municipal College in July, 2006. She has been admitted on a Scheduled Tribe seat. She claims to belong to Thakur Community. She has been issued a caste certificate in August, 2004, and has applied for scrutiny in November, 2004. She fears that in the event her caste claim is not decided in a

reasonable time, the College will discontinue her admission.

3. Mr. Rane makes a statement that the Scrutiny Committee will decide the pending claim within three months. We expect it to do so. In the meanwhile, the petitioner's education as directed be not discontinued. We further make it clear that in the event the decision goes against the petitioner, the same will not be acted upon and her education shall not be discontinued for a period of eight weeks after the order is served on her. Petition is disposed of.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.